



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –  
EXAMINING GROUP 2182**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 16869P-036100US  
Client Ref. No.: 340100096US2

On 7/7/05

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

By: 

**Corres. and Mail  
BOX AF**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Naoto Matsunami, et al.

Application No.: 10/004,131

Filed: October 30, 2001

For: STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING A  
PLURALITY OF CONTROLLERS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8042

Examiner: Nguyen, Mike

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2182

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 2182**

**Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 17, 2005 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.